

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action regarding restriction requirement mailed on September 28, 2006 (Office Action).

In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth the following restriction requirement requiring election of one of the below identified groups:

Group I, claim(s) 1-4, 13, 15-18, 26, 29-33, and 38-49, drawn to a method of forming a coating film.

Group II, claim(s) 34-35, drawn to a substrate comprising a masking agent.

Group III, claim(s) 36-37, drawn to a glazing.

In this Reply, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-4, 13, 15-18, 26, 29-33, and 38-49) and have withdrawn Groups II and III (Claims 34-35 and 36-37), without prejudice. The election is made with traverse because the Office Action fails to demonstrate any undue burden of examining the three groups in a single application.

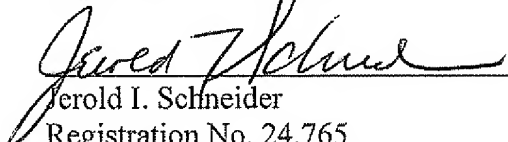
Based on the above election, Applicants request removal of the restriction requirement and substantive examination of claims 1-4, 13, 15-18, 26, 29-33, and 38-49. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that the above restriction election is incomplete or improper in any way, or if a telephonic interview will expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees due with the filing of this document and during prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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